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You smell

AND IT'S a very good thing. Your nose can detect dangers, like smoke or gas, not to mention the safety of what you might ingest. Airborne molecules reach receptors in your nasal passages, sending identification signals to your brain.

Another significant benefit of sniffers, aside from breathing, or to support eyewear, is instant emotional association. Your limbic system triggers memories, especially early comforts. Cinnamon. New school supplies. Mum's perfume. American activist Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing as a toddler, explained: "Smell is a potent wizard that transports you across thousands of miles and all the years you have lived."

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

Haliburton County makes scents. While I imagined leaving Toronto, my motivation included smell. I'd grown more sensitive to olfactory overload. Urban noisiness already got to me, but any stench of exhaust, industry or sewage could feel equally invasive.

But I heartily appreciate many city smells. Coffee. Cherry blossoms. Food festivals. *Petrichor*, that steely whiff before rain. Still, country aromas feel exquisitely sympathetic, certainly for this nature-lover who cherishes a 'Walden' lifestyle. My partner sometimes hangs laundry outdoors. I once heard her describe its unique fragrance as 'smelling like stars'. I've loved this expression ever since, although I'm positive there are also scientific explanations behind the fresh comfort of line-dried quilts.

Every season has its own qualifying 'bouquet' up here. Connoisseurs savour the winey decay of autumn leaves, or of pine sap in winter, spring wetlands, summer hayfields. That fresh ozone blown off our many lakes might speak wistfully to those who miss bigger water.

Nature-in-nostrils features hugely in survival. Bears can pick up scent from 20+ kilometres away. A bloodhound's nose is many thousand times keener than a hunter's. Social insects like bees and ants lay down invisible trails whose pheromones lead comrades to food. Mother animals often identify their babies through scent, although the mammalian orca can apparently smell nothing under water. Conversely, cold-blooded sharks can detect fresh bait hundreds of metres distant.

I've strategically used potent aromas, not as attractants, but to discourage interlopers at our pole-mounted feeders. Beaks, though discerning, have varying smell-capacities, so I've tried deterring squirrels, mice and wasps from birdseed or hummingbird nectar using chili oil, cloves or peppermint. Zero luck so far…

COVID lingers unpleasantly in many of us. The flavours of food and drink are significantly directed by aroma as well. One city friend has lost her ability to recognize most tastes and smells. She appreciates gifts of happy blooms, but hasn't enjoyed their fragrance since recovering from the pandemic. Economical carnations are typically under-scented, but some bigger-budget modern roses, bred deliberately for colour, size and vase-life, now hold only borderline aroma. Thankfully, we can remember when ...

Up here, a rural spring is still a potent nose-extravaganza. Naturalized orchards, meadows, ditches, wild roses, lilacs and honeysuckle go into full dreamy waft. However, perhaps we shouldn't wax too romantic over those alluring red trilliums. They reek intentionally like carrion to attract pollinator flies. Evidently, some beauty is only stink-deep.

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A brief analysis of deer-related injuries

STEVE GALEA

Beyond 35

AFTER I filled my deer tag at the tail end of the first week of deer season, I was once again reminded of how hunters such as myself have played a great part in the advancement of medicine. Much like how the first hammer-wielding carpenter provided study material to advance the treatment of thumb injuries, we hunters have given doctors ample opportunities to delve deeper into the problems created by hauling out a deer, bear or moose.

For instance, the morning after I dragged my 160-pound deer a mere 65 yards to where it could be accessed by a smarter hunter using an ATV, I immediately realized that there wasn't a single part of my body that did not require medical treatment, or at the very least, its own aspirin.

This is on me. For the standard advice is that hauling all that dead weight out of the bush is unwise and could lead to serious medical complications – and it's even worse when you are dragging a deer.

Needless to say, the heavier the animal the worse the potential discomfort.

For instance, no one has ever been placed in traction for hauling out a duck. But take that same duck and place it inside the body cavity of a field-dressed moose and you might as well start measuring the people dragging it out for full body casts.

As I sit here, and realize that even typing hurts, I ask myself what I could have done differently to mitigate the consequences.

The first thing is I could have invited a 20-something year old hunter to "enjoy the experience" alongside me. And, when I say alongside, I mean I would be walking alongside and supervising the dragging.

If this option is unavailable, the next sensible thing to do is to start a fire and begin consuming the deer to lighten the load. After a week or so, dragging the deer out will be much easier. If you aren't hungry, however, there are other ways. For instance, years ago, my friend came out with a brilliant way to lighten the load. After field dressing the animal, he immediately removed the tenderloins and placed them on a rock. He said he would get them after we hauled the deer to the ATV, but I now know he placed them there for another reason. Sure, he still maintains that he didn't know that the ravens were going to fly off with both tenderloins, but I believe he's just being humble.

Whatever the case, that deer was two pounds lighter when he walked alongside me and I "enjoyed the experience."

Many who have never dragged a deer through the woods uphill and over downed logs are unaware of all the injuries that could result. They are, in no particular order, shoulder-ouch, single and double arm elongation, inappropriate antler goosing, couch-spine, bend-wince, wrong-stretch, sneeze-yelp, and the common venison-related boo boo, to name a few. Please note that I am not a doctor, so these might not be the correct medical terms.

Currently, I am suffering from almost all of these.

Fortunately, my doctor said my prognosis is good.

To which I replied, "What about the rest of me?"

Apparently, all of these injuries will heal with time spent on the couch and an appropriate amount of whining. Unfortunately, the worst part is that the brain damage that also accompanies these injuries never really goes away. Which explains why I can hardly wait till next deer season.

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What's on your billboard?

THIS WEEK I was asked "What does your billboard say?" Sort of a weird opener, but what was meant was; what are you bringing? What do your actions say? What is it that you offer a conversation, project, visit or workspace?

There is the adage that we reap what we sow, but often we do not check on what we are planting This speaker was asking that we check in with what we are bringing to every space that we are in, are we complaining, focusing on the negative, are we tired, out of energy, low on enthusiasm, is that starting to affect others? Or perhaps we can check in and find that we are looking at what is great more than what isn't, what is strong more than what is wrong and that our billboard is really sending a message that we are open for business, willing to work, ready to create and lift others up.

TERESA JORDAN
Community Living Contemplations

Important to note that none of us can be positive all the time, and it›s in these times that others could offer up the seeds of support needed to pull us all through. What's on your billboard? I think just the act of checking in with what we are presenting to others will make us more mindful of the emotional trail we are leaving behind us everywhere we go. Check in with what matters to you, your core values and make sure the neon lights of your interactions hold true and that your billboard is the you that you want others to believe in.

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid Euchre 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Mixed Darts, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Bingo- Doors open at 5 p.m., play at 6:45 p.m.
Supper specials every Friday starting at 5 p.m. May purchase special and eat in club room downstairs. Clubroom opens at 4 p.m.
Saturday: Clubroom opens at 3 p.m. Meat draw 5:30 p.m.
Special events:
3rd Thursday of the month 7 p.m. executive meeting and 7:30 p.m. general meeting (members only)
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Branch 129 Haliburton

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Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo
doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo 7 p.m. FirstWed of each
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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips, Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
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Writing on the Senior Side

Santa Claus is coming to town

GAIL STELTER

County Life Contributor

Festive Santa hats dot heads up and down the street. Mitts and winter boots are a must. Snowsuits and warm winter coats are adorned with battery-operated strings of coloured lights. Many people are gathered at the Christmas tree, singing carols and waiting for the countdown to the tree lighting. The excitement mounts as the sirens on the fire truck lead the way. People peer down the street to see the first marching band round the corner. Not far behind them is a multitude of brightly lit floats and marching, dancing and singing community groups.

You are never too old to enjoy a parade.

The Santa Claus Parade has changed since our childhood, and for those who grew up in Toronto, we remember the biggest, best, and oldest parade in Canada. This is the 121st year of the Toronto Santa Claus Parade. 121 years of childhood delight. I have so many childhood memories of the Eaton's Santa Claus Parade. Look back with me and perhaps you will remember …

- 'Punkinhead is born. In 1948, Eaton's published a children's book called *Punkinhead, the Sad Little Bear*. It was about a teddy bear who wanted to be in the Santa Claus Parade. Eaton's published several books of Punkinhead's adventures, as well as colouring books, records and television commercials. He was so well-known that children cheered him when he marched in the Parade.

I think I was one of those kids who cheered him, and I loved my free Punkinhead colouring book that I received when I visited Santa in Eaton's Toyland.

- Santa is on Television. By 1950, the

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Eaton's Santa Claus Parade was the largest in North America and was first televised on CBC in 1952.

We didn't have a television until 1954, and I don't remember watching the parade on television when I was young. I think I watched it a couple of times when I was a teen. It didn't come close to being there. I suppose many families living in other parts of Canada did watch and enjoy it, even in black and white.

In 1957, the parade grew. There were 13 large floats in the 1957 Parade and nearly 20 smaller floats with two horse-drawn carriages. Two thousand people marched in the Parade that year. The Parade was six miles long and began at 8:30 a.m., after two solid hours of makeup and dressing.

I was eight years old, and I remember this one. I was in awe of the majorettes. When Santa arrived at Eaton's, he climbed the fire escape stairs to a balcony. My dad, my brother and I waved and cheered. Mom was at work across the street at Simpsons, so after the parade, we went to visit her and to Toyland. Toyland had incredible train sets and a little train ride, too. I had a box of Cracker Jacks, caramel corn and a little prize.

We are not too old to go to the Santa Claus Parade. Oh, it gets a little more challenging, and so we have adapted. We go early and find a parking spot close by. Perhaps there will be pizza or subs. I stay warm until it is time to sing and light the tree. I can't miss this wonderful tradition. I go back to the car to warm up before the parade reaches us. I watch and wave and say Merry Christmas! I usually get cold and go back to the car, and then I am back to see Santa on his magical sleigh with his reindeer over the house tops. It works, and it brings back even more memories of our childhoods and those of our children. For the Stelter kids, it was the Milton Santa Claus Parade. I remember the year my sweet five-year-old daughter was a majorette, and she was so good at it and so lovely as she marched down the street. I had tears in my eyes. I remember the year my son was on a float. Was it with the Boy Scouts or hockey? My daughters and I were on the Girl Guide Float, and we sang "When Granny was a Girl Guide." I have included the first verse and chorus here just so those of us who were Brownies and Guides can revisit this time of our lives.

When Granny was a Girl Guide
She wore a funny hat
I'll always love my Granny
But I'd never dress like that
But I'm a Girl Guide too
All dressed in blue

Things have changed since Granny's day
We've come a long, long way

I remember my second daughter, wearing what was once a beautiful red winter cape that Peter bought me when I was pregnant with our first child, as she marched in the parade with her high school. (And that reminds me of the year my engagement dress was a fairy costume at Halloween).

And finally, I remember one of my first years here in Haliburton, helping to organize a Canoe FM float. Float decorating before was a fun part of all these experiences. Two of my grandchildren rode on that float when we did it again on Saturday in Minden. Such a lovely time and beautiful memory.

So, you really are never too old to go to a parade. It's worth it to see the smiles on the kids' faces. Do it your way and have fun. Hope to see you at the parade!

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First snow

IT WAS a lazy November day. The kind that carries pillows in the sky, heavy with the weight of what's next. We all know it's coming, as those temperatures hover around zero; outcomes of precipitation hopscotching back and forth over the line.

We often find ourselves holding our breath this time of year. It's a season for burrowing, a time for hibernation. We winter-prep our yards, tucking away plastic neon chairs and making peace with the dog toys we won't see until May.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

But on this lazy November day, the air felt heavy. We were between temperatures, between seasons, between the dawn and dusk that so briefly book-end our days.

And as we sat in this waiting game, high above our heads, precipitation was making plans; tumbling and turning. Those little factories in the sky, cookie cutting the shapes of snow, all so similar yet craftily complex.

As we turned the knobs of our furnace and looked to the skies, the first few flakes began to fall.

Only one or two at first. Wispy enough to be mistaken as dust or moths, before more flakes joined, and where their early ancestors found their way to the not-quite-frozen ground and promptly seeped into the soils, gradually, they began to build.

Accumulation coming in the form of time and patience, until a blanket of soft white buried the crusty crumbs of summer.

Social media has taken the world by storm, and the list of negative impacts it has had on society as a whole is lengthy, to say the least.

But sometimes there is a shimmer of hope in the tumultuous tides of the online world. And for me, that comes in the form of shared experiences.

Because during that first snowfall, on that lazy November day, I watched the world find joy in the snow. Toddlers sticking their tongues out to catch snowflakes that somehow taste sweet. Angels dashed and danced with flailing limbs only to be covered in by further accumulation. Candles lit and blankets bundled to watch the world turn white outside.

And to see others share the experience of that first snow, it added a new light to the in between time. I watched as others created magic out of the mundane, beauty out of the burden, wonder out of the winter.

It offered a new lens. A reminder that we are navigating this season together, and if we do not add a sparkling spin to it, we will only be buried in the piles.

And I recognize that winter is not wonder and whimsy for all. It's a season of tightened paycheques and gapped priorities; many falling through the cracks.

But if social media has reminded us of anything, it's that we are in it together.

If you can, it's a time to help, to share, to connect. As much as we have capacity for.

So that while the whispers of winter and wonder continue to swirl around us as we enter the season of hibernation, we know we are not alone. We can release that breath we've been holding in, and find celebration in the snow.

The one that started, on that lazy November day.

Top 10 Signs Christmas is drawing near

Well, here we are just six weeks from Christmas and there are already signs that it is drawing near. I'm talking about the early signs that you need to watch closely for. Here are the top 10:

1. Local bucks are putting on fake red noses.
2. Your bank account is almost back up to where it was before last Christmas.
3. Those perfect evergreen trees appear to be getting nervous.
4. The kids are checking to see how much room there is in dad's tie rack.
5. Trump is considering placing tariffs on the North Pole.
6. People are being kinder in a last-ditch attempt to get on the "nice" list.
7. People look at your belly and ask you if you have ever considered playing Santa.
8. You are making another run at selling the Christmas song you wrote called, "Grandma got run over by a reindeer: now she's suing Santa on Christmas eve."
9. Visitor accommodations in Bethlehem are still available, if you don't mind sleeping in a manger.
10. Dads are beginning their annual five-week and six-day ritual of saying, "There's plenty of time left to shop …

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Inhaling

Wavelets of Lake slurping leaves stranded on the shore,
pooling in puddles with pebbles and feathers untethered from their wings,
gulls squawking as they swoop down from Sky, morning Moon fading into all that blue,
as I stand on the border between water and sand, feeling water lick my toes,
padding barefooted along the shore, maybe for the last time, sunlight cloaking these early fall days,
as I pluck feathers from the sand, peeling a layer of sweater off, feeling Sun stroke my flesh and feet,
this fleeting heat, this unexpected gift before the weather shifts, and Wind snatches the warmth from Air,
I stare out at the sandbar where gulls congregate, sunlight wobbling along the side of the dock,
where a lone gull stands,
peering out at the scrub of island rising from the water, the pines' spines permanently bent
from enduring seasons of Wind and storm, I squint at the glints of diamond light winking on the water,
wondering whether the gull perched on the end of the dock, sees what I see,
staring straight ahead at the speck swimming toward the island, admiring their resilience and resolve,
to plunge into the water for one last swim across the Lake, inhaling the warmth of October Air,
as sunlight strokes their skin,
singeing the leaves on the trees fringing the Lake, flickering like embers as they drift toward the ground,
I wade into the water up to my ankles, my toes curling into themselves like snails from the cold,
as I scurry back onto the sand,
marveling at the boldness of the lone swimmer, kicking and stroking their way toward the
tiny island of pines,
maybe for the last time, the flock of gulls squawking on the sandbar, as if they are goading the swimmer on,
wondering whether the swimmer feels ageless and weightless and free,
as the paddles of their hands slice through the water, sunlight silvering droplets of Lake
as diamond light dances all around them, how I long to be out there, too, for one last swim,
my body, too cowardly to plunge in, remaining here, on the shore instead,
standing among the pebbles and feathers and puddles of leaves, carried here by Wind from their trees,
breeze, warm as fur, brushing my cheeks, as I meander along the shore, peeling feathers from the sand,
uncertain what I will do with them once they're laying in the nest of my hand, maybe just to feel the softness
of this warm fall day
to capture it before it fades away like morning Moon, no longer there,
I stare out at the speck of swimmer, clambering onto the rocks that encircle the island of pines,
resting there, inhaling autumn Air that feels like summer, wondering whether they will remember this
October day, too,
as they swim across the Lake for the last time, the screeches of gulls cheering them on,
as well as the stranger that stands on the shore, clutching a bouquet of feathers in their fist, wishing they
were as bold,
savouring the softness of Air, inhaling sunlight before it turns cold,
shadows lengthening across the shortening days, stealing October light.

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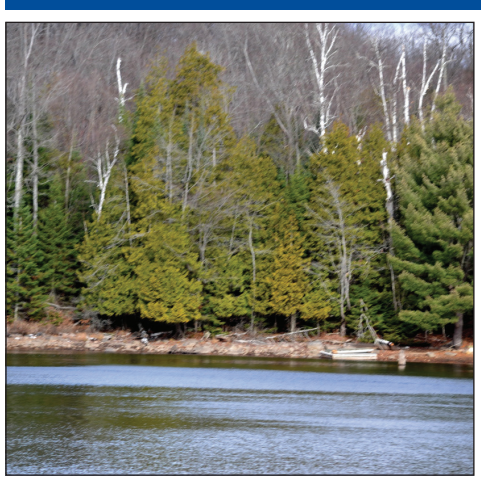

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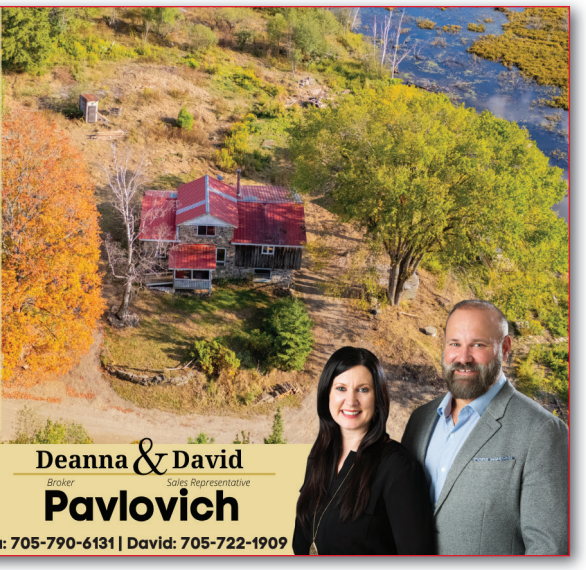

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New play cafe welcomes kids of all ages

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

Parents and children rejoice, there's a new destination for play, imagination, and connecting right here in Minden Hills.

"It's always been a dream of mine to do something like this," said Janelle Nesbitt, the owner of the newly-opened Little Beans Play Cafe, "so I thought let's just do it."

Nesbitt, a mother of five and a full-time nurse at the local hospital, saw a gap in the community when her own kids were little. "I spent so much time travelling with other moms," she said, "going to places exactly like this out of town."

Like many parents, Nesbitt was seeking a safe space to bring her young kids, where they could connect with other kids, as well as other parents. A place that was creative and imaginative, and easily accessible for kids of all ages.

So, she made it herself. Housed in the former Beauty Basics building on Bobcaygeon Road in the heart of Minden, the bright and spacious location is warm and welcoming. Nesbitt sourced all her toys from a wooden toy company in Quebec, and are all designed for open-ended, imaginative play.

She has curated the entire space with mindfulness around both kids and parents. "So many toys can be so overstimulating," she said. "Flashing lights and batteries, it can all be too much."

Nesbitt noted that all the toys she has accumulated are Montessori-style, and safe for ages six-months and up.

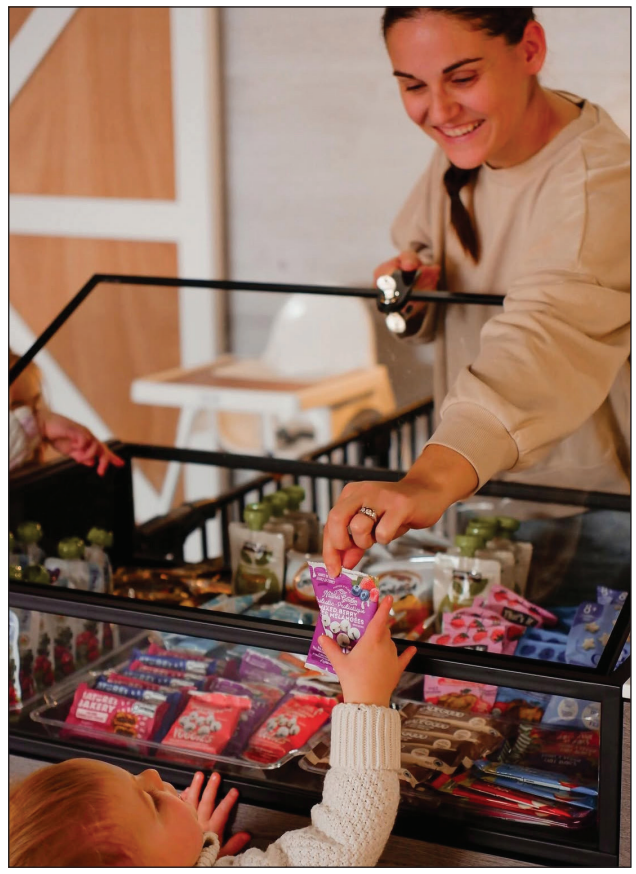
In order to make the space relaxing for adults as well, Nesbitt offers select time slots that she encourages parents to book in advance. That way, there aren't too many kids running around at the same time, and all toys can be shared and played with in peace during the selected time slot. Between each window of time, Nesbitt and her team spend half an hour sterilizing each toy; a practice that as a nurse is of utmost importance to her in an effort to mitigate germs.

Nesbitt's five kids range between 18 months to 15 years, and through her parenting experiences, has noted the value of play spaces for parents to connect. "Parenting groups are so important," she noted. "So I think this is going to be such a fun connection space for them."

Having only been opened for a few short days, Nesbitt has already rented the space out for a number of private birthday parties and functions. "That way the mess stays here," she laughed. She shared that they would offer decorations and support during private functions, if anyone is interested.

Little Beans Play Cafe provides snacks, coffee, tea, and an opportunity to unwind for parents and the little ones play. Every detail is meticulously planned, right down to the rounded tables, accessible washrooms, and a quiet, separate nursing room, to ensure that the space maximizes comfort and safety for everyone visiting.

"I feel like our community really needed this," said Nesbitt. "We really needed something for kids to do."



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When: Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to noon
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When: Wed,, Nov. 26, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
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Genealogy for Seniors
When: Thursday, Nov. 27 noon to 1 p.m. at the Highland Grove Library or 2pm at the Cardiff Library
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Jamming at Camp Wanakita

Carnarvon musician Ross Daniels performs as the opening act at a concert hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society on Nov. 14 at Camp Wanakita.

Angelica Blenich
Times staff

Bell gives 'significant' amount to Winterfest

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The Ontario Senior Games has a new friend in Bell thanks to a funding announcement made on Nov. 15 by organizers of Winterfest 2011.

Bell has been named the presenting sponsor of the games after committing a significant, yet undisclosed, financial contribution and in-kind donations to the event, scheduled to take place throughout Haliburton County next February.

"We've had great support from businesses in the county but it is never enough," said Alan Clarke, chairman of the 2011 Ontario Senior Games. "Bell is making a big investment in high-speed Internet in our community and is now making a big commitment toward the success of Winterfest 2011."

Representatives from Bell shared similar sentiments on partnering with Haliburton County and contributing to the success of the games.

"I'm very confident these games will be the sporting highlight of the year," said Tom Blake, director of regional services for Bell Aliant. "Unless of course the Leafs win the Stanley Cup.

"Bell is privileged to partner with the local community and the county, to support people who live and breathe our services. I wish you much success with your event."

Funding specifics have not been disclosed, as games organizers and Bell have chosen to keep details to a minimum.

"It's a very significant sponsorship," said Myke Malone, general manager of the 2011 Ontario Senior Games, following the funding announcement. "At this point they are the largest corporate sponsor.

"Their contribution is a blend of a financial

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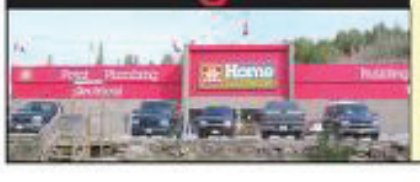

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$795,000
MLS X12169805

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Kennisis Lake 2 3
$725,000
MLS X12347900

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Trooper Lake 2 3
$699,000
MLS X12236448

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Little Cameron Lake 1 3
$698,000
MLS X12416325

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Salerno Lake 1 3
$659,000
MLS X12253284

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Wenona Lake 1 3
$578,000
MLS X12367256

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Haliburton 2 2
$435,000
MLS X12343741

Vacant Land

Endless Possibilities

New Listing
Basshaunt Lake Rd
$85,000
MLS X12443370
2.19 acres

Deeded Access
Wenona Lake Rd
$95,000
MLS X11953943
0.42 acres

Now Sold
Penzance Trail
$109,000
MLS X12440835
11.71 acres

Now Sold
1297 Bethel Road
$309,000
MLS X12453903
136.91 acres

Adeline Trail
Redstone Lake
$445,000
MLS 12220289
18.4 acres

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